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June 7, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. APT1080411 - Brackett Field Ramp Slurry, City of La Verne (5), to American Asphalt South, Inc., in amount of \$444,443.24.

Project ID No. FCC0001003 - Priority A and B Catch Basin Retrofit in Cities Tributary to the Santa Monica Bay, Cities of Inglewood, Santa Monica, West Hollywood, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, and Rancho Palos Verdes (2, 3, and 4), to U.S. Enviro-Net Services, Inc., in amount of \$682,715.00.

Project ID No. FCC0001014 - Los Angeles River - Riverfront Project, Cities of Cudahy and Bell (1), to Environmental Construction Inc., in amount of \$1,945,247.00.

Project ID No. FMD0002053 - Catch Basin Cleanout 2006, San Gabriel River Watershed, et al., vicinities of Pico Rivera, Lakewood, and Covina (1, 4, and 5), to J & G Maintenance Service, in amount of \$292,202.25.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. APT1080411 and FCC0001003.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2005-06 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. APT1080411, BRACKETT FIELD RAMP SLURRY, (CITY OF LA VERNE), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Crack sealing, slurry sealing using rubberized emulsion-aggregate slurry, and installation of pavement markings on taxiways and aircraft tie-down area.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 18, 2006 (Synopsis 57)

BID OPENING DATE: May 23, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

American Asphalt South, Inc., a corporation	\$444,443.24
P.O. Box 3610	
Fontana, CA 92334	
(909) 427-8276	

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$417,874.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$444,443.24
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 26,569.24

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.4 percent above the engineers's estimate. This project will be financed 95 percent by grant from the Federal Airport Improvement Program, and the Department's Aviation Capital Projects Fund will finance the remaining 5 percent. This project is included in the 2005-06 Aviation Capital Projects Fund Budget. There will be no net County cost associated with this project.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

American Asphalt South, Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 11 percent. This contract has a Federal DBE goal of 10 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(1), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August and be completed in October 2006.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001003, PRIORITY A AND B CATCH BASIN RETROFIT
IN CITIES TRIBUTARY TO THE SANTA MONICA BAY (Cities of Inglewood,
Santa Monica, West Hollywood, El Segundo, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach,
and Rancho Palos Verdes), Supervisorial Districts 2, 3, and 4

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of trash excluders in existing storm drain catch basins
and other appurtenant work to reduce the amount of trash and
debris entering the storm drain system.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 18, 2006 (Synopsis 53)

BID OPENING DATE: May 18, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	U.S. Enviro-Net Services, Inc., a corporation 1442 West Collins Avenue, Suite G Orange, California 92867 (714) 526-8020	\$ 682,715.00
2	United Storm Water, Inc.	\$ 693,080.00
3	*Southern CAL Contracting, Inc.	\$ 790,750.00
4	American Storm Water, Inc.	\$1,198,700.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$973,925.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$682,715.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$291,210.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 30 percent below the estimate.

The Los Angeles County Flood Control District will finance the construction contract cost. A maximum of \$1,000,000 of that cost will be reimbursed by the Proposition 50 Grant Program administered by the California State Water Resources Control Board.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

U.S. Enviro-Net Services, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 2.9 percent. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On January 10, 2006, Synopsis 46, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 100 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2006 and be completed in January 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FCC0001014, LOS ANGELES RIVER - RIVERFRONT PROJECT
(Cities of Cudahy and Bell), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Installation of irrigation systems, river rock paving, tubular steel fences, and gates; planting of trees, groundcovers, and shrubs; painting of parapet walls and concrete masonry walls; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 18, 2006 (Synopsis 51)

BID OPENING DATE: May 16, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Environmental Construction, Inc., a corporation 21550 Oxnard Street, Suite 1050 Woodland Hills, California 91367 (818) 449-8920	\$1,945,247.00
2	Los Angeles Engineering, Inc.	\$2,482,000.56

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,722,507.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$1,945,247.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 222,740.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 13 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. While the bid price is higher than the estimate, readvertising the project will result in increased contract administration costs and delay construction with no guarantee lower bids will be received. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the lowest bidder.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Environmental Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On April 4, 2006, Synopsis No. 45, your Board found this project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 160 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in August 2006 and be completed in April 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. FMD0002053, CATCH BASIN CLEANOUT 2006, SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATERSHED, ET AL. (in the vicinities of Pico Rivera, Lakewood, and Covina), Supervisorial Districts 1, 4, and 5

TYPE OF WORK: Cleaning of approximately 22,053 catch basins at various locations in the County.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: April 18, 2006 (Synopsis 52)

BID OPENING DATE: May 18, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	*+Jorge Gudino, an individual dba J & G Maintenance Service 10242 San Carlos Avenue South Gate, California 90280 (323) 563-0620	\$292,202.25
2	*+Ron's Maintenance	\$330,795.00

* MWBE
+ LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$286,689.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$292,202.25
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 5,513.25

The amount of the recommended contract is 1.9 percent above the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for Fiscal Year 2005-06.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

J & G Maintenance, an MBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal or State DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 70 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2006.

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